

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2005-004**

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 97-012**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter SDRWQCB), finds that:

1. On March 12, 1997, the SDRWQCB adopted Order No. 97-012, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Pima Gro Systems Inc., Riverside County*, specifying requirements for the land application of biosolids on various agricultural sites within the Santa Margarita Watershed area of Riverside County.
2. In 1997, following adoption of Order No. 97-012, Pimo Gro Systems Inc., a subsidiary of Synagro Technologies, Inc., was reorganized into Synagro Composting Company of California, Inc.
3. On July 22, 2004 and in accordance with California Water Code Section 13274, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ, prescribing general waste discharge requirements for the discharge of biosolids to land for use as a soil amendment in agricultural, silvicultural, horticultural, and land reclamation activities.
4. Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ specifies requirements establishing performance and prescriptive criteria that facilitate the regulation of biosolids, providing additional assurance that biosolids will be discharged in a manner that protects public health and the environment.
5. The regulation of the land application of biosolids within the Santa Margarita Watershed area of Riverside County under Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ and the rescission of Order No. 97-012 is appropriate.
6. The SDRWQCB has notified all known interested parties of its intent to rescind Order No. 97-012.
7. The SDRWQCB, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of Order No. 97-012.
8. The rescission of Order No. 97-012 results in a prohibition of using biosolids as a soil amendment in the Santa Margarita Watershed area of Riverside County until such time that the project proponent/landowner obtains authorization pursuant to Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ. In accordance with Public Resource Code 21000, et seq., the State Water Resource Control Board adopted a Mitigated Environmental Impact Report No. 990621 for Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 97-012 is rescinded.